

CINCINNATI PARKS

***NATURE
ACTIVITIES***



SPRING 2004

We operate 5 nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory. Visit the centers for a program or just drop by. For more information about a specific center, call the naturalists at the numbers below, or call education administration at the Bettman Center.

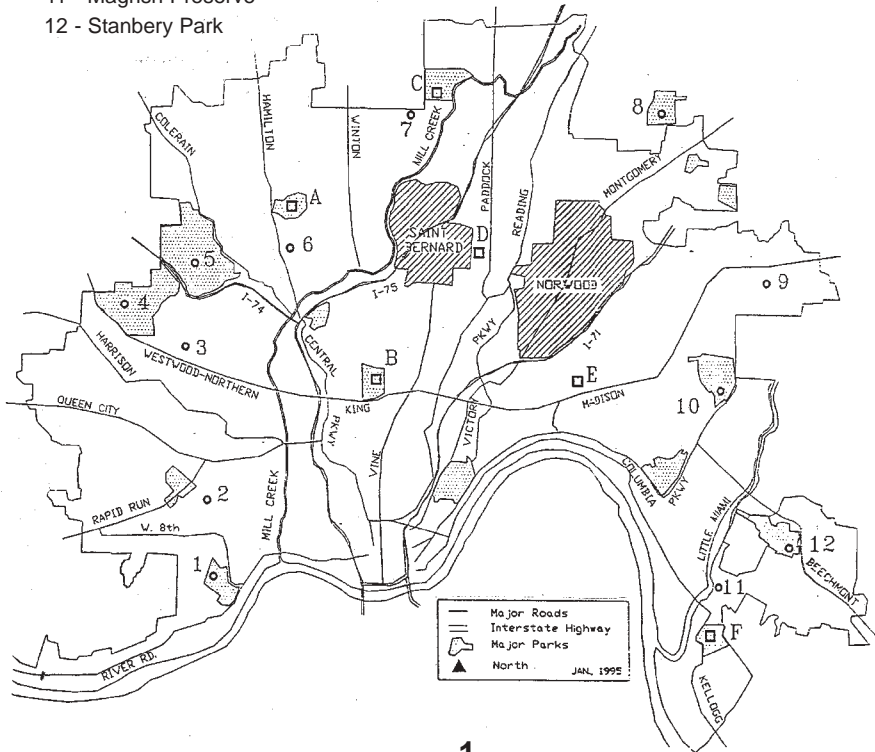
Avon Woods Nature Ctr.	4235 Paddock Road	861-3435
Bettman Natural Resources Ctr.	4 Beech Lane	321-6070
Caldwell Nature Ctr.	430 W. N. Bend Road	761-4313
California Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Kellogg Avenue	231-8678
Krohn Conservatory	1501 Eden Park Dr.	421-5707
LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Ctr.	5400 Lanius Lane	542-2909

○ Preserves & Parks with Trails

- 1 - Mt. Echo Park
- 2 - Glenway Woods
- 3 - Brodbeck Preserve
- 4 - McFarlan Woods (Mt. Airy)
- 5 - Mt. Airy Forest
- 6 - Buttercup Valley / Parker's Woods
- 7 - Seymour Preserve
- 8 - French Park
- 9 - Little Duck Creek
- 10 - Ault Park
- 11 - Magrish Preserve
- 12 - Stanbery Park

□ Nature Centers

- A - LaBoiteaux Woods
- B - Trailside (closed for construction)
- C - Caldwell
- D - Avon Woods
- E - Bettman
- F - California Woods



Cincinnati Park Board Nature Activity Guide Spring 2004

Welcome to the natural heritage of your Cincinnati Parks. In the pages of this guide, you'll find Park Naturalist-led programs for the general public, suitable for all ages. Use this guide to locate those of greatest interest to yourself and your family. Be sure to check out the Cincinnati Parks' website:

www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

See you out in the parks!

The Cincinnati Park Board's Education Services Division has a mission to educate people of all ages about the ecological relationships and the natural and historical resources in the Cincinnati Parks and Preserves and to assist in their protection and management.

Groups (garden clubs, schools, pre-schools, senior organizations, and scouts) may schedule a special program by calling **321-6070**.

Any group of 10 or more people is encouraged to get closer to nature through one of our weekday programs. Reservations are made on a first-call basis. Fees and information available; call **321-6070**.

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request,
call 352-3380 TTY

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Public Hikes and Programs

*(Unless otherwise noted,
public programs are free.)*

March

Maple in Mt. Airy

Sat., March 6, two seatings available:

10:00 a.m. (total program ends at 12:15)

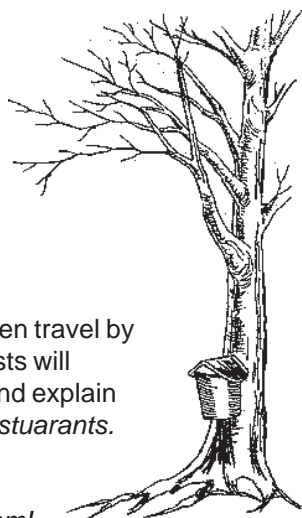
10:30 a.m. (total program ends at 12:45)

Start with a pancake breakfast at Oak Ridge Lodge, then travel by haywagon to the Arboretum, where costumed naturalists will demonstrate tree tapping and historic syrup-making, and explain maple mysteries. *Breakfast sponsored by Frisch's Restaurants.*

Fee: \$6.00 per person. Reservations required.

For further information and reservations, call 321-6070.

Reserve your seat early for this popular one-day program!



Can Spring Be Far Behind?

Sat., March 13, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. — Ault Park

Scour the woods for signs of spring! Be the first to discover nature's earliest flower, Harbinger of Spring, the buckeye's first leaf sprouts, and the many other visual delights that usher in the new season. Meet at the bottom of the steps to the Ault Park Pavilion. For more information, please call 542-2909.

Pancakes in the Woods

Sun., March 14, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

California Woods Nature Preserve

Celebrate the tapping of the maple trees! Enjoy the pancakes and sausage grilled by celebrity chefs and listen to the story of sugaring. All proceeds benefit California Woods and Magrath Riverlands Preserve. Fee: \$6.00-adults, \$3.00-children. Reservations *NOT* required. Call 231-8678 for information.



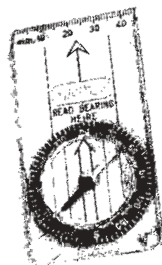
A Sense of Wonder

Fri., March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Eden Park

You don't have to live near a natural lake or a wilderness area to feel connected to nature. By simply focusing on our senses, we increase their sensitivity and heighten our awareness of the natural world around us. Lots of activities and minimal walking, appropriate for ages 10 and up. Meet at the comfort station at Twin Lakes. For more information call 321-6070, ext. 16.

Introduction to Orienteering

Sun., March 21, Start between 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. — Ault Park
Explore the spring woods through a treasure hunt. We'll teach you some basics, and then you'll use a map and compass to find treasures located throughout the park. Beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate level courses will be available. We'll also have a stroller and wheelchair accessible "Trail-O" course that will challenge anyone's map and compass skills. Meet at the picnic area near the lower overlook. Reservations requested. Fee: \$1.00 per person. For information and reservations, please call 761-4313.



Surveying for Salamanders and Kin

Fri., March 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Caldwell Nature Center
Why does our part of Ohio have so many salamanders?

Learn surveying practices, and consider some of the mysterious ways of these secretive local inhabitants. The program begins indoors with slides followed by an outdoor night hike. Dress for hilly terrain and the weather (we're hoping for rain). Bring flashlights. Reservations requested; please call 761-4313.



Wild Edibles Hike

Sun., March 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Stanbery Park
Join us for a morning wild edibles hike! We'll search out the first spring greens on this moderate hike of about one mile. Meet in the parking lot. For more information, please call 861-3435.



April

Amazing Arthropods

Sun., April 4, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. — McFarlan Woods
When a bug is not an insect, it is usually an arthropod. Their strange protective behaviors, variety of types, large numbers and ancient history make these small creatures quite interesting to find and observe. Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Please wear sturdy, waterproof footwear; the trail can be muddy and rugged. Meet at the large parking lot at the end of the road. For more information, please call 321-6070, ext. 16.



Wildflowers Abound

Sat., April 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — California Woods Nature Preserve
Spring is the time for flowers! Join us at California Woods as we hike through the forest looking at the many spring wildflowers in bloom. Learn their names and a little bit about the flowers themselves. Reservations requested. Call 231-8678 for information.

Cincinnati Wild! Nature through Art

Sun., April 18, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Caldwell Nature Center

Experience nature through art! Work by local artists will be displayed at the nature center. Professional artist John Agnew will paint on site throughout the afternoon, and share his techniques at 2:30. An expert photographer will give pointers at 3:00 and a parks naturalist will lead a wildflower walk at 4:00. Bring your sketchpad, canvas or camera to capture spring at the preserve. Artists should apply to submit art for the show by April 9. Co-sponsored by Cincinnati Recreation Commission. For more information, call 761-4313 or 821-2954.



Spring Wildflower Walk

Sun., April 18, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. — LaBoiteaux Woods

It's "Show Time" for nature's temperate zoned mixed-woodlands. Take time to see "Act 1" of the year's best performances — featuring native wildflowers and their kin, accompanied by flashy buckeye blossoms, raucous redbud blooms, sugar-sweet mock-orange and perky spice bush fluorescents. Enjoy the show before summer brings Act 2! For more information, please call 542-2909.



Birding at Little Duck Creek

Sat., April 24, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. — Little Duck Creek Park

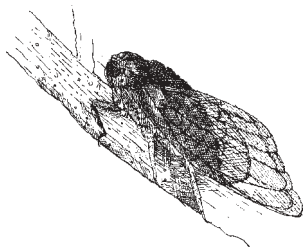
Join us to look for birds at the best time of year, before the trees have their leaves. We'll get an early morning start, when the birds are most active. We might catch some budding bird romance, see nest-building activity, or if we're lucky, find a spring warbler or two. Binoculars will be available, or bring your own. For information call 761-4313.



Cicada Cavalcade

Sun., April 25, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. — Avon Woods Nature Center

They're creepy, they're crawly, and they're coming back to visit us after 17 years. Join us at Avon Woods as we prepare for the great re-emergence. You'll learn fascinating facts about these bug-eyed beauties, plus tips on what to expect, how to prepare, and how to safeguard your landscape. For information and reservations (requested), please call 861-3435.



Family's First Camp Out

Fri. and Sat., April 30 and May 1, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. — California Woods
(Set up begins at 5:00 p.m.; we strongly encourage coming early!)

Want to try camping, but don't have the equipment or "know how"?



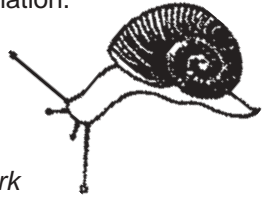
Here's your chance to test it out! Join experienced campers who will share camping success tips, campfire cooking and what to look for in equipment. Tents will be provided; you supply your own sleeping bag, pad, pillow, and food items for dinner & breakfast. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

Fee: \$20.00/tent (up to 4 persons per tent).

Reservations required - limited space.

Call 231-8678 for more information.

May



Grossology 101

Sat., May 1, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. — Kennedy Heights Park

Have you ever heard of an animal that lives in its own spit for protection...

know what happens when animals die in the woods...why snails are slimy?

If you like to pick up worms and explore the soil and stream, this program is for you! Appropriate for all ages. Participants need to wear appropriate clothing for exploring and sturdy, waterproof footwear. Meet at the parking lot on Robinson Road. For more information, please call 321-6070, ext. 16

Mt. Airy Spring Jaunt

Sun., May 2, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. — Mt. Airy Forest

Attention one and all! 'Tis the season of song and birthing of the new year's wild ones. Join us for an invigorating jaunt through field and forest, discovering the wonders of plant and animal life. Please meet at the Arboretum Center. For more information, please call 542-2909.

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Mother of the Most

Sun., May 9, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Caldwell Nature Center

The Queen bee is the mother of all of the bees in the hive - that's 30,000 to 60,000 or more! Find out how she manages her family and how the beekeeper works with them. Then, if the weather permits, you'll watch from inside a screen tent while the hive is opened. We may not see the queen, but we're sure to see her offspring! Reservations required.

Please call 761-4313 for information and reservations.



Green Up Day Birding

Sat., May 15, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Magrish Riverlands Preserve

Join a park naturalist on a hike through this busy migration area. Come see the many different birds that pass through Magrish on their way to summer breeding grounds. Stick around right afterwards to help with the annual Green Up Day Project.

Call 231-8678 for more information.

Green Up Day

Sat., May 15, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Magrish Riverlands Preserve

Join your neighbors to green up and clean up a preserve along the scenic Little Miami River. Meet in the parking lot off Salem Rd. near its southern (Kellogg Ave.) end. Call Jim at 321-6070, ext. 15, for more information.



Lazy Days Are Here Again

Sun., May 23, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Burnet Woods Lake

Come and enjoy a lazy day on the water at Burnet Woods learning the basics of canoeing. Adventurers of all ages are invited to take a turn on the paddles as we explore the aquatic community that shares this beautiful lake with us. Space is limited, so make your reservations soon!

For information and reservations,
please call 861-3435.



Krohn Conservatory

Eden Park's Krohn Conservatory is a nationally recognized showcase of more than 3,500 plant species from all over the world. The Palm, Tropical, Desert, and Orchid houses exhibit permanent displays of exotic plants in natural settings, complete with a 20' rainforest waterfall. The Display House features the stunning floral shows listed below. Call **421-5707** for more information on any event below.

Free admission; donations encouraged.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Floral Shows

Seven Sister Cities – March 20 - April 4

This is a celebration of our connection with our sister cities. The Krohn Conservatory Spring Floral Show includes astilbe, lilies and other flowers in shades of red, white and blue.

Springtime in Paris – April 10 - 25

What can be lovelier than Paris in the springtime? The Krohn show house in full bloom!



The Butterfly Show – May 8 - June 20

Thousands of butterflies fly free through the showroom so you can enjoy their beauty up close.

Fee charged for admission to the Butterfly Show.

Special Events

The Krohn Zone Explores Shamrocks – Plants of Legend and Lore

March 1 through March 31, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., daily

The Krohn Zone Cart, sponsored by the Dornette Foundation, will feature information and hands on activities about shamrocks.

End of Show Sale

Wednesday, March 3, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. or the plants are gone

Plants from the Pre-Spring floral show go on sale for rock-bottom prices. Cash or check only. No pre-sales.

The Krohn Zone Explores Palms

April 1 through April 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., daily

The Krohn Zone Cart, sponsored by the Dornette Foundation, will feature information and hands-on activities about Palms.



Summer DayCamp Preview

We know that many Cincinnati families plan their vacations around Cincinnati Parks summer daycamps. To help your summer scheduling, here's a sneak preview of the upcoming summer camps. *Please do NOT register for camps from this brochure! The full camp brochure with more detailed information, camp fees, and registration forms will be mailed out at the beginning of April.* If you are not already on our mailing list, and wish to receive a camp brochure, please call 321-6070.



NatureCamps out in the Parks

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.; for children ages 5 (post-K) to 12 years

June 14 - 18 – Mt. Airy Forest

June 21 - 25 – French Park

June 28 - July 2 – Ault Park

July 6 - 9 – Rapid Run Park

July 6 - 9 – Caldwell Park

July 12 - 16 – McFarlan Woods

July 12 - 16 – Kennedy Hts Park

July 19 - 23 – Ault Park

July 26 - 30 – French Park

Aug. 2 - 6 – Stanbery Park



Preschool Discovery Mornings

For Preschoolers ages 3½, 4 and 5

Discovery Mornings are a shorter camp (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) running Tuesday-Friday mornings at the same parks and weeks as the NatureCamps above. **NEW!** An afternoon session (12:30 - 2:30) has been added at Ault and French Parks, and all weeks have added a fourth day!

Nature Next-Door

Sponsored by the Ladislav and Vilma Segoe Family Foundation and Saks.



Park Naturalists will again visit neighborhood parks in low-income areas with free fun, games, crafts and activities related to a series of nature themes. Neighborhood children are welcome to drop in anytime from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., come and go, or stay as long as they wish. Agencies serving neighborhood children may schedule special times for their summer groups by calling **321-6070**.

Mondays: Inwood Park

Tuesdays: Dempsey Park

Wednesdays: Bond Hill Playground

Thursdays: M.L. King Park

Fridays: Dyer Playground

Adventure and Art Camps at Park Nature Centers

Avon Woods Nature Center
California Woods Nature Preserve
LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center



The various Adventure and Art Camps spend 4 - 6 days helping children within a particular age range explore nature or outdoor skills. All camps are day camps but some for the older children may include a "grand finale" overnight. Art camps use art as a way to connect with the natural world. *Please do NOT register for camps from this brochure! The full camp brochure will be mailed out at the beginning of April.* Camp times vary; call **321-6070** for additional information.

Camps at Avon Woods	Dates	Ages
Young Naturalist Camp - Session 1	June 28 - July 1	4 - 6
Young Naturalist Camp - Session 2	August 2 - 5	4 - 6
Nature Adventure Camp - 1 Session only	June 21 - 25	7 - 9
Outdoor Skills Camp - Session 1	June 14 - 18	10 - 13
Outdoor Skills Camp - Session 2	July 19 - 23	10 - 13
Nature Art Camp	July 27-28-29	7 - 12
Camps at California Woods	Dates	Ages
Preschool Nature Camp - Session 1	June 21, 23, 25	4 - 5
Preschool Nature Camp - Session 2	August 2, 4, 6	4 - 5
Nature Explorers Camp - Session 1	June 7 - 11	enter gr. 1 - 2
Nature Explorers Camp - Session 2	July 19 - 23	enter gr. 1 - 2
Nature Art & Theater Camp- Session 1	June 28 - July 2	enter gr. 1 - 4
Nature Art & Theater Camp- Session 2	July 12 - 16	enter gr. 1 - 4
Outdoor Skills Camp- Session 1	June 14 - 18	enter gr. 3 - 5
Outdoor Skills Camp- Session 2	July 26 - 30	enter gr. 3 - 5
Outdoor Adventure Camp	July 6 - 9	enter gr. 6 - 8
Camps at LaBoiteaux Woods	Dates	Ages
Nature Tot Camp	June 14,16,18,21,23,25	4 - 5
Into the Woods Nature Explorers Camp	June 28 - July 2	6 - 8
Tales with Tails Nature Drama Camp	July 19 - 23	6 - 8
Nature Challenge Camp	July 12 - 16	9 - 12
Nature Art Camp	August 2 - 6	9 - 12

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They'll Be Ba-a-ack!

After long preparation underground, after 17 years off-stage and underground, Nature is ready to bring back the Cicada Musical Extravaganza! All you need to do is relax, don't panic, and try to enjoy the show. After all, the average person gets only four or five such opportunities in a lifetime.

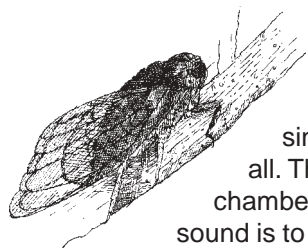
Above all, remember: nothing you see, hear, or come into contact with during this performance can harm you. Cicadas may be large, noisy and numerous, but there is absolutely no reason to fear them. They do not bite, sting or scratch. If they land on you, their legs might tickle a little. They're not poisonous; in fact, they're edible cooked or raw. (I advise cooked, personally.) Even small children can play with them safely. In some Eastern cultures, they are considered a good-luck omen.

The show begins in early May, when small holes or mud chimneys appear on the ground. A week or two later, hump-backed nymphs emerge at night and determinedly climb up tree trunks. Their large, claw-like front legs (designed for digging) may look fierce, but can't hurt people. Just like butterflies emerging from a chrysalis, cicadas split open the larval skin, and wriggle out soft, pale and wrinkled. As they flex their muscles and pump fluids through their new body and brand-new wings, the bodies harden and darken, eyes turn red, and their clear wings expand and stiffen, sparkling with iridescent colors between orange-red veins. Many will not make it through this stage. Emerging nymphs and soft-bodied adults are gobbled up by reptiles, mammals large and small, and birds.



Those that survive metamorphosis continue to climb to the very tips of tree branches, where the males begin their love song. It starts as a quiet trill, grows in volume as ever more cicadas emerge and join in, and becomes, in a week or two, a dull roar that drowns out most other sounds. Listen carefully, and you may be able to hear three different songs.

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Our Periodical Cicada is actually three species that emerge together; each has a different call. All three kinds are in the well-named genus *Magicicada*. My favorite is *M. septendecula*, the small ones with orange bands on the underside. They sing staccato, in short rasps with pauses, and are easiest to hear in early morning and evening. In chorus they are drowned out by *M. cassini*, the small, feisty, show-stealing, black-bottomed species. Cassini's loud, high-pitched raspy buzz dominates the afternoon singing. *M. septendecim*, large with orange bands on the underside, is quieter and do not perform well when caught. To pick them out of the chorus, listen for a low-pitched buzz like very distant frogs, or the hiss of escaping gas, which sometimes ends with a snarling little scream.



Cicadas sing all day, but not at night. They sing while carried captive by a child; they sing while being eaten by a cat; they sing while mating; they sing until they die. Well, actually, they don't "sing" at all. They vibrate membranes stretched over a pair of sound chambers in their abdomens. But the purpose of all that sound is to attract a female, so the ancient Greeks were right in considering it a sacred love song.

These love calls also attract birds, domestic cats and dogs, and Cicada Killer hornets during the day. Wild mammals and reptiles feast nightly. Wildlife gorges itself. Only the moles, who have been stuffing themselves with nymphs for the past several years, go hungry. In other times and cultures, humans also feasted (and still do) on cicadas, considering them a delicious food.

After the song succeeds and the cicadas mate, the males weaken, fall to the earth and die. After seventeen years underground and a few brief weeks in the sun, their purpose in life is accomplished. The females survive a while longer, in order to lay eggs. This egg-laying is the only harm these insects do.

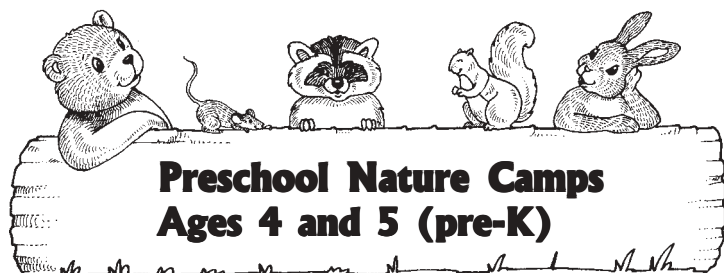
Egg-laying can damage young trees and shrubs, especially small fruit trees. Females slit the bark on young twigs and deposit eggs in the slits. Each female makes six to twenty slits in V-shaped pairs. If too many female cicadas slit the twigs on a young tree, the twigs may die and the tree be seriously set back in its growth. Egg-laying can also ruin fruit crop production. To minimize your losses, protect young trees by covering them with cheesecloth or mosquito netting fastened tightly enough to keep cicadas from getting into the tree. The netting should be in place by mid-May, and remain until mid-July. Delay putting in new trees or shrubs until fall, and check your fall purchases for damage.

Eggs laid, the females die. By mid-July, no adult Periodical Cicadas remain alive. (We will have the usual crop of Annual Cicadas, which have green eyes and wing veins, in late summer.) Eggs hatch in about six weeks. Tiny larvae, miniatures of the nymphs that emerged in May, drop to the ground, bury themselves, and begin a seventeen-year career of sucking sap from rootlets.

Many people will breathe a sigh of relief that the "invasion" is over. But it would be sad indeed if Nature lost its power to occasionally awe and overwhelm us, if there were no more cicada spectaculars. The "endless" eastern forests are gone; the vast flocks of passenger pigeons have faded into extinction; but the cicadas are still here. Enjoy the show!

Want to learn more about *Magicicada*? Park Naturalists will present Cicada programs on **Sun. April 25** (to help you get prepared!) and on **Sat. June 5** (during full emergence). Call 321-6070 for more information.

Preschool programs



Children 4 or older (no 3 year olds please) should sign-up early for these popular Preschool Camps. A different nature topic is presented each week through games, crafts, stories, music, puppets and mini-hikes.

To register: complete and mail in the form on page 18 by the deadline date. Registrations are first-come, first served, and spaces are limited. *NOTE:* Any session not having at least 10 paid registrations received by mail by the deadline will be cancelled.

California Woods

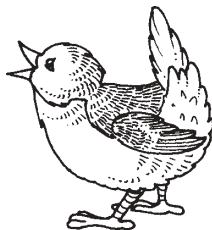
Mondays, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24
(Registration due April 5.)
Cost: \$30.00 city residents
 \$35.00 non-residents
(Per child, per 6-week session)

Avon Woods

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
March 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28, May 5
(Registration due March 17.)
Cost: \$30.00 city residents
 \$35.00 non-residents
(Per child, per 6-week session)

LaBoiteaux Woods

Fridays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21
(Registration due March 26.)
Cost: \$35.00 city residents
 \$40.00 non-residents
(Per child, per 8-week session)



Nature Babies: Wild Encounters From A Stroller

Fridays, April 30, May 14, May 28, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. — Ault Park

Introduce your baby or toddler to nature and socialize with other moms. With guidance from a professional mom-teacher-naturalist, you'll be baby's nature expert as you stimulate his or her sense of wonder for the outdoors.

Fee: \$3.00 per session

Reservations required by:

April 21 for the April 30 session;

May 7 for the May 14 session;

May 21 for the May 28 session.

For information and reservations, please call 231-8678.



Preschool Groups

In addition to our award-winning programs for elementary school classes, Cincinnati Parks nature centers offer fun, participatory programs for Preschools, Day Care Centers, and Head Start Programs. Call 321-6070 or the Center nearest you for more information.

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Programs for Children age 5 - 13

Celebrate the Earth

For Grades K – 2

Wed., April 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The earth is the perfect place to live.

Let's give a big "thank you" for all of Mother Nature's wonderful gifts.

Join the naturalist staff for a fun-filled day of activities, games, crafts and more!

Pre-registration required. Minimum registrations required for program to occur.

Call 231-8678 for more information.

Fee: \$10 City residents \$13 non-residents.

To register: complete and mail in form on page 18 by March 31.



Spring Nature Explorers – LaBoiteaux Woods

For ages 6-8 years

Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

Afterschool fun!

New discovery games on the trail every week!

For further information, please call 542-2909

Fee: \$35.00 city residents

\$40.00 non-residents

(Per child, per 8-week session)

To register: Complete and mail in form
on page 18 by March 29



Nature Art Classes at LaBoiteaux Woods

For ages 8 - 12 years

Thursdays, 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

April 1, 8, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Looking for a fun imaginative way for your child to learn about the natural world and express his / her artistic side? Children explore simple concepts from nature while creating works of art. For more information, call 542-2909.

Fee: city residents: \$35.00; non-residents: \$40.00

(Per child per 8-week session)

To register: Complete and mail in the form on page 18.



Afterschool Adventures for grades K - 3

Fee: \$5.00 per child, per program.

To register: complete and mail in the form on page 18.

Reservations required for all sessions. Program size is limited; reservations are first-come. Programs not receiving a minimum number of registrations by the deadline will be cancelled.

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

Tues., March 23, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. — California Woods

Come learn some old sayings about the weather as we do demonstrations and experiments to teach meteorological concepts. Make lightning, find out if air has weight, and make a weather-predicting tool. Call 231-8678 for more information. Registrations must be received by March 17.



Calls of the Wild

Tues., March 23, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. — Avon Woods Nature Center

Join us as we listen in on our animal friends. Whether they chirp, bark or howl, the animals have something to say. For information, call 861-3435. Registrations must be received by March 17.



Fun with Fossils

Tues., April 27, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. — Avon Woods

From bryozoans to brachiopods, Cincinnati is known for its abundant fossils. Come join us as we hunt for these prehistoric creatures in our creek. Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended as we may be getting wet and muddy. For information, call 861-3435. Registrations must be received by April 20.

May Flower Fun

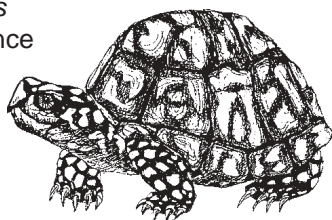
Wed., May 19, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. — Avon Woods Nature Center

The buzz from the bees, butterflies and birds is that April showers have brought out our May flowers! Spring is the perfect time of year to watch the woods burst forth in a colorful display. For information, call 861-3435. Registrations must be received by May 12.

National Turtle Day

Tues., May 25, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. — California Woods

Come celebrate an animal that has been around since the dinosaurs. Learn all the in and outs of turtles and meet some of our own residents. Call 231-8678 for more information. Registrations must be received by May 19.



Nature Birthday Parties

Looking for a "Wild" party for your child's birthday? Try a fun, active and educational experience at Avon Woods or LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center. We'll provide the naturalist and the nature center, a short nature hike, nature-oriented activities, and a simple craft to keep as a memento. You provide everything else. Naturalist-led activities last about one hour; you have another hour to use as you wish on refreshments, your own favorite activities, etc. Parties can be reserved for Friday evenings and Saturdays only. Call 321-6070 for more information.

Fee: \$125 (for two-hour party including activities) for up to 15 children;
\$10 each additional child.



A Habitat For Homeschoolers

Fee: \$3.00 per person per program residents;
\$5.00 nonresidents (including adults and siblings)

Animal Real Estate for ages 9 - 12

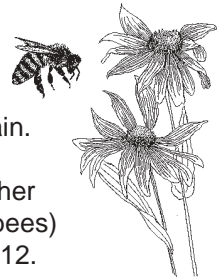
Avon Woods – *Thurs., March 11, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

Explore three different local habitats as we learn their components and who we might find living in each. The program will look at energy flow through food chains, adaptations of local wildlife and how habitats change through time. Bring a bag lunch and dress for the weather. Registrations required by Friday, March 5. For more information and to register, call 861-3435.

Bees and Seeds for ages 7 – 9

Caldwell Nature Center – *Tues., April 20, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

Follow the life cycle of a plant from seed to flower to seed again. Discover how pollination makes plant reproduction possible. Explore outside for flowers, seeds and pollinators. Then, weather permitting, you'll watch the master pollinators at work (honeybees) from the safety of a screened tent. Registrations due by April 12. For information and to register, please call 761-4313



Ecosystems for ages 9 – 12

California Woods Nature Center – *Fri., May 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Participants will be introduced to local ecosystems in the Cincinnati area and discover how basic ecological principles apply to them. Indoor and outdoor activities focus on energy flow, predator vs prey relationships, matter cycling and in-depth studies. Registrations due by April 30. For information and to register, please call 231-8678.

Mailing Renewal / Program Registration

One child and one program per application please. Feel free to make copies as needed



***YES, I WISH TO REMAIN ON
YOUR MAILING LIST.***

For mailing list, fill out name,
address & e-mail only.

Name _____

Age/Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

E-mail address (optional): _____

Center _____

Program Title _____

Session / Time Desired (if more than one offered) _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(Make checks payable to: *Treasurer, City of Cincinnati*)

I hereby release and save harmless the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners and its employees from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or other claims arising out of this program. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the program director to administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child as named above.

Signature of

parent/guardian _____

(Please print parent/guardian name)

*If your child has medical problems or allergies, **including food allergies**, please attach a note informing us of the potential problem.*

To register, mail the form above with payment to:

**Bettman Natural Resources Center
Cincinnati Park Board
4 Beech Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45208**

